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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED US ACTION ON RHODESIA

REFS: (A) LUSAKA 0556 (B) STATE 055627

1) YOUR THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTIONS REF (A) HAVE ALSO OCCURRED TO DEPT. IN CONSIDERING RHODESIAN ISSUE. WE HAVE BEEN CONSULTING WITH BRITISH ON WHAT WE MIGHT USEFULLY DO AND PLAN TO CONTINUE THESE TALKS (FYI: UP TO PRESENT, BRITISH HAVE ASKED US TO DEFER MAKING STATEMENT ON RHODESIA. END FYI) WE HAVE ALSO PREPARED AND TRANSMITTED TO FIELD STATEMENTS AND PRESS GUIDANCE OVER LONG PERIOD OF TIME WHICH PRESS HAS NEVER USED. SECRETARY'S ANSWER TO QUESTION BY CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN BEFORE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON MARCH 4 (REF B) IS MOST CURRENT STATEMENT OF OUR POSITION FAVORING MAJORITY RULE AND SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH GRZ AND OTHER OFFICIALS. STATEMENT IS UNEQUIVOCAL AND SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBT IN MINDS OF VORSTER, SMITH OR ANYONE ELSE WHERE USG STANDS. SUGGESTIONS PARA 7 REF (A) HAVE FREQUENTLY BEEN CONVEYED TO SMITH BY

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BRITISH AND OTHERS.

2) RE SUGGESTION LAST SENTENCE PARA 5 REF (A), SECRETARY'S COMMENT REF (B) IS BEST GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT.

3) YOU MAY TELL KAUNDA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GRZ OFFICIALS THAT WE ARE GIVING PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA AND WILL DO WHAT WE REALISTICALLY CAN TO FURTHER PEACEFUL PROGRESS TO MAJORITY RULE. AT SAME TIME, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT (A) U.S. LEVERAGE, PARTICULARLY ON RHODESIA, IS LIMITED, AND (B) OUR ROLE WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF CUBAN/SOVIET COMBAT TROOPS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH OUR AFRICAN AND OTHER FRIENDS AND TO MAKE OUR POSITION ON MAJOR ISSUES CLEAR TO ALL. KISSINGER

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